Story and Art:
Aoi Umi

amplified
(TL & TS)
AIJIISHIBASHI

Dune
(CL & PR)

IF I CAN MAKE AYANO-SAN SAY SHE LIKES YOU STRAIGHT FROM HER MOUTH, THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLVED RIGHT?

I THOUGHT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING WOULD HAPPILY ASK ME TO IF I SAID THAT.

WHAT? DON'T GIVE ME THAT GRAP WAY SHOULD YOU HAVE HER SAY THAT?

YOU'RE OWWOLING. THAT'S WHY.

I'M PASSING YOU. DON'T DO ANYTHING UNNECESSARY.

I'D BE TROUBLED IF THINGS FORCIBLY START TO WORK BECAUSE OF OTHER PEOPLE'S COERCION.

THAT'S RICH COMING FROM THE EMBODIMENT OF FORCEFULNESS.

...THAT'S WHY I'M KEEPING A DISTANCE, SO I WON'T BE ANY FORCEFUL THAN THIS

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ADAMANT ON KEEPING A DISTANCE

...I FEEL BAD SAYING THIS AFTER GETTING YOU INVOLVED AND ALL

BUT HOW ABOUT YOU WORRY ABOUT TACHIBANA-KUN FIRST? HE'S STAYING OVER AT ANOTHER GIRL'S HOUSE, REMEMBER?

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE IF YOU'RE WORRIED?!

NICE TRY, BUT I WON'T MEET TACHIBANA FOR HER SAKE.

HYPO-CRITE.

AND YOU'RE TOO CAL-CULATING.

ANYWAY, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU SAVED YOUR NUMBER PARTY FOR ANOTHER DAY? SHE'S DOWN WITH A COLD...

YEAH, I CAN'T COMPLAIN IF AYANO-SAN FALLS FOR TACHIBANA, WHO'S KIND, READS THE SITUATION AND WILL GO HOME, UNLIKE SELF-CENTERED PEOPLE LIKE US.

HUH?

BUT YOU SAID TACHIBANA-KUN IS ALSO STAYING OVER...

PSYCH! ☆

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I'M SORRY ...!!

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YO...
MOGHURT-
Tomoka
THE SEASON/WEATHER
H-HE BRUSHED IT OFF?
TSU-
RASA
I MET THE REAL MR. AYANO IN PERSON TODAY.
AND LOOK, I GOT LOTS OF AUTOGRAPHS FROM HIM.
THANKS TO THAT, MY MOOD IMPROVED GREATLY, I'M SO HAPPY!
Is what Ayano wants you to do.
SO TO BE HONEST... WHEN YOU SAID SAD-LIFE WAS A SHOCK.
BUT
WHEN I LOST BADLY IN A TENNIS COMPETITION THAT IT MADE ME WANT TO QUIT TENNIS.
MY ENCOUNTER WITH A CERTAIN GIRL WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME WANT TO CONTINUE PLAYING.
NO, WHEN I THINK THAT MAYBE THERE WAS EVEN MORE TO THAT
IT MADE ME THINK THAT IT'S PROBABLY OKAY TO BE SHOCKED AFTER HEARING THAT STORY.
TACHI-BANA-KUN...
YOU LISTENED TO MY STORY.
NEXT TIME, IT'S MY TURN TO LISTEN TO YOURS.
I'LL LEND YOU AN EAR ANYTIME.
OH, BUT NOT UNTIL YOUR COLD GETS BETTER.
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I'M SORRY I REALLY WASN'T HIDING IT FROM YOU
B-BUT THE TIMING I...
I KNOW. DON'T CRY, PLEASE?
I SEE THE NATURAL YOU, HUH.
IT COULD ALSO BE BECAUSE OF MY COLD
YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I'M FEELING.
I'M GRATEFUL DON'T WANT ME AFRAID OF TACHIBANA-KUN TO SEE THIS SLOPE.
BUT IT FELT LIKE I WAS SLIGHTLY SAVED BY TACHIBANA-KUN'S KIND WORDS
EVEN WHILE THINKING, "JUST HOW WEAK ARE YOU, TSUBASA? HOW PATHETIC." MY TEARS DO NOT STOP
UNTIL THE VERY END, TACHIBANA-KUN MAINTAINED HIS REFRESHING SMILE AND WENT HOME.
NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL PROPERLY TELL HIM MY REASON FOR QUITTING TENNIS.
SO MAKE MORE FRIENDS WITH MOM YOU CAN "HUGGS ANYTHING WITH."

IF I SHARE TO THEM THE STORY I COULDN'T TELL THEM

I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS

SO I WANT TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU AND ICHINOSE-KUN

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP YOU TWO MAKE UP

WILL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPORTANT TO ME INCREASE? OR WILL THEY DECREASE?

WON'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED?

WAIT, IT'S SO SOFT!

AYANO-SAN?

Eh... Sorry...

For a moment, my mind went blank... Any more than this...

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...AYANO-SAN? DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE? WHAT TIME IS IT? CAN YOU SEE ME? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

Ehe...

YOU'RE OUT OF IT.

DO YOU LIKE ICHINOSE YUU?

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No way...

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